

QA-351

Barton Brother's Warehouse  
Centreville  
Private

late 19th century

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It is unclear whether Walters built or purchased the shop, as he paid \$500 for the lot in 1893. Although there is no mention of a building, the sale price suggests the shop was already there. In 1914 Walters sold the building and lot to Charles Kenton for \$1,000. This deed notes that the building was formerly occupied by Walters as a carpenter's shop. In 1923, Kenton sold the property to W. M. and W. E. Barton. The Barton Brothers were widely known in this region as skilled cabinetmakers, and evidently used the building at times for both a shop and a warehouse for lumber, furniture, and other materials. In 1953 William Marvin Barton deeded his interest in the property to his brother, William Edward Barton, and following Edward's death the property descended to his daughter, Katherine Barton Johnson.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

C. P. Walters' Carpenter Shop

AND/OR COMMON

Barton Brothers Warehouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North side of Railroad Avenue (or Water Street)

JIK 9/18/93

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☒ OTHER: Vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Katherine B. Johnson

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

12005 Smoketree Road

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20854

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: TSP 14

Folio #: 564

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CA-357

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Barton Brothers Warehouse is located on the north side of Railroad Avenue in Centreville, one-half block east of Commerce Street.

This small frame building was probably constructed in the late 19th century by Christopher P. Walters, a local carpenter and builder, and was used by him as a carpenter's shop. It is two stories high and three bays wide, with a shed roof sloping to the rear. Originally the building was one room deep, 19 feet wide by 22 feet deep, with an unfinished loft on the second floor. Later changes included an eight foot addition across the rear and modifications to the interior.

On the front (south) facade, facing Railroad Avenue, there is a double batten door in the center bay flanked by a single shuttered window on each side, and three 6/6 windows on the second floor. The building rests on brick piers and is covered with plain horizontal weatherboards and wide, beaded cornerboards. A false front cornice across the second floor eave conceals the shed roof from view. The cornice has a deep soffit, beveled

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/15/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XIII; Recorded November 1, 1979.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

crown mold, and projecting drip cap above the crown mold. It turns the corner at each end of the facade, but is not continued across either side wall.

The west wall is covered with unpainted vertical board siding without battens. There are no window or door openings in this facade. The east wall is partially covered by a modern one-story building. The exposed part of this facade is covered with corrugated metal roofing nailed over the vertical board siding. The rear wall is completely covered by a large warehouse on the adjoining property.

The interior originally consisted of a single room on the first floor with an unfinished loft above. When the eight-foot addition was made to the rear, the original rear wall was taken down and replaced with a partition wall closer to the front of the building, resulting in a two room plan. The interior walls of the front room on the first floor are lined with horizontal sheathing boards; the stud walls are left exposed in the back room. A ladder in the northwest corner of the front room provides the only access to the second floor. The upper story is unfinished, with a few loose boards laid on top of the joists. Evidently

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

this has always served as storage for lumber and furniture. All of the exposed framing, both in the loft and under the first floor, is circular sawn and machine nailed.

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Footnotes

- (1) Deeds LD 1, folio 414. August 6, 1893.
- (2) Deeds WFW 5, folio 261. January 30, 1914.
- (3) Deeds BHT 1, folio 49. December 4, 1923.
- (4) Deeds TSP 44, folio 564. December 19, 1953.
- (5) Deeds MWM 153, folio 593. June 28, 1979.

# TURPINS LANE

STREET

HAYDEN STREET

ALSO

BANJO LANE

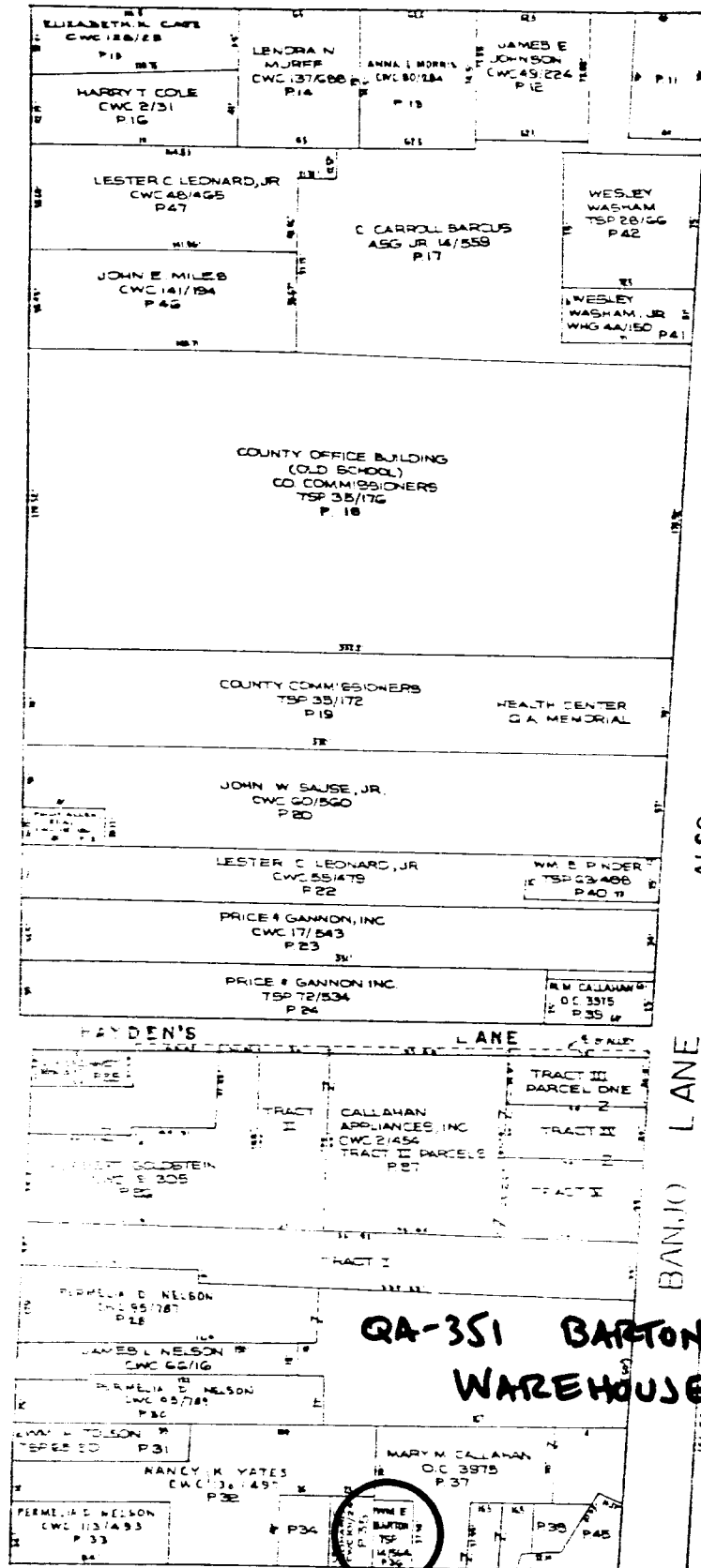
BROADWAY

LAWYERS ROW

COMMERCE

WATER

STREET



MAP 44 - P. 5  
P. 10

AGRIC. CHEMICAL CO.  
CWC 32/22  
P. 9

AGRIC. CHEMICAL CO.  
CWC 32/22  
P. 6

AGWAY, INC.  
CWC 47/139  
P. 7

AGWAY, INC.  
CWC 26/66  
P. 5

BEULAN PUMP  
TSP 69/49-495  
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BEULAN P.  
JUMP  
CWC 5/264  
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